

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.81 million head on April 1, 1996. The inventory included 6.35 million steers and steer calves. This group accounts for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.42 million head.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.95 million. Net placements were 1.87 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 262,000, 600-699 pounds were 544,000, 700-799 pounds were 772,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.76 million.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during March.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 Monthly States Down 1 Percent

Cattle on feed April 1, 1996, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.29 million, down 1 percent from the previous year but 4 percent above April 1, 1994. The inventory included 5.38 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounts for 65 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 2.88 million head, up 4 percent from 1995.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.67 million, 1 percent below 1995 but 10 percent above 1994.

Marketings during March totaled 1.48 million, 2 percent below 1995 but 1 percent above 1994.

Other disappearance during March was 56,000 head, 16 percent below last year and 22 percent below 1994.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, April 1, 1994-96

Item	Number			1996 as % of	
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Mar 1/	7,981	8,227	8,152	102	99
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,518	1,681	1,666	110	99
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,467	1,513	1,476	101	98
Other Disappearance During Mar 2/	72	67	56	78	84
On Feed Apr 1 1/	7,960	8,328	8,286	104	99

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, March 1, 1994-96

Item	Number			1996 as % of	
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Feb 1 1/	8,139	8,119	8,304	102	102
Placed on Feed During Feb	1,256	1,532	1,441	115	94
Fed Cattle Marketed During Feb	1,357	1,372	1,541	114	112
Other Disappearance During Feb 2/	57	52	52	91	100
On Feed Mar 1 1/	7,981	8,227	8,152	102	99

- 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, April 1, 1994-96

Class	Number			1996 as % of	
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
Class on Feed Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,430	5,530	5,375	99	97
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,500	2,762	2,877	115	104
Cows and Bulls	30	36	34	113	94

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1995-96 1/ 2/

		Apr 1, 1996			
State	Apr 1, 1995	Mar 1, 1996	Number	as % of 1995	as % of Prev. Mo.
	1,000 Head			Percent	
AZ	192	202	206	107	102
CA	350	320	305	87	95
CO	986	990	1,030	104	104
ID	240	220	235	98	107
IA	380	370	355	93	96
KS	2,170	2,020	2,080	96	103
NE	1,850	1,880	1,900	103	101
NM		116	102		88
OK	400	390	400	100	103
SD	160	177	177	111	100
TX	2,400	2,370	2,410	100	102
WA	146	141	142	97	101
Oth Sts:		500	470		94
US		9,696	9,812		101

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- 2/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1995-96 1/

State	During		During Mar 1996		
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996	Number	as % of 1995	as % of Prev. Mo.
	1,000 Head		Percent		
AZ	26	27	37	142	137
CA	40	40	40	100	100
CO	248	215	240	97	112
ID		39	50		128
IA	48	54	44	92	81
KS	420	360	430	102	119
NE	350	370	350	100	95
NM		15	27		180
OK		73	82		112
SD		33	27		82
TX	549	375	525	96	140
WA		32	31		97
Oth Sts:		80	65		81
US		1,713	1,948		114

1/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1996

: During Mar					
State :	Less 600 :	600-699 :	700-799 :	800 Plus :	Total :
: 1,000 Head					
CO :	10	40	110	80	240
KS :	39	124	180	87	430
NE :	24	87	147	92	350
TX :	89	200	205	31	525
Oth Sts:	100	93	130	80	403
US :	262	544	772	370	1,948

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1996

: During Feb					
State :	Less 600 :	600-699 :	700-799 :	800 Plus :	Total :
: 1,000 Head					
CO :	10	38	105	62	215
KS :	32	134	143	51	360
NE :	32	106	145	87	370
TX :	60	180	116	19	375
Oth Sts:	95	108	120	70	393
US :	229	566	629	289	1,713

Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1995-96 1/

State	During		During Mar 1996		
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996	Number	as % of 1995	as % of Prev. Mo.
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Percent -----		
AZ	29	28	33	114	118
CA	50	50	45	90	90
CO	213	220	195	92	89
ID		53	33		62
IA	67	53	58	87	109
KS	345	385	360	104	94
NE	315	350	320	102	91
NM		18	37		206
OK		81	70		86
SD		34	26		76
TX	494	455	465	94	102
WA		38	29		76
Oth Sts:		80	85		106
US		1,845	1,756		95

1/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1995-96 1/ 2/

State	During		During Mar 1996		
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996	Number	as % of 1995	as % of Prev. Mo.
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Percent -----		
AZ	1	1	0		
CA	20	10	10	50	100
CO	10	5	5	50	100
ID		1	2		200
IA	1	1	1	100	100
KS	5	15	10	200	67
NE	15	10	10	67	100
NM		1	4		400
OK		2	2		100
SD		2	1		50
TX	15	10	20	133	200
WA		4	1		25
Oth Sts:		10	10		100
US		72	76		106

1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

2/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Quarter, State, and United States, 1995-96 1/

State	: Steers & Steer Calves			: Heifers & Heifer Calves:			Cows and Bulls		
	: Apr 1, : : 1995	: Jan 1, : : 1996	: Apr 1, : : 1996	: Apr 1, : : 1995	: Jan 1, : : 1996	: Apr 1, : : 1996	: Apr 1, : : 1995	: Jan 1, : : 1996	: Apr 1, : : 1996
	1,000 Head								
AZ	174	204	191	18	18	15	0	0	0
CA	315	310	270	34	38	33	1	2	2
CO	622	580	620	349	460	400	15	10	10
ID	171	191	159	67	69	74	2	0	2
IA	225	229	224	155	145	130	0	1	1
KS	1,460	1,420	1,350	705	700	720	5	40	10
NE	1,130	1,120	1,140	706	760	750	14	20	10
NM		*77	60		*58	42		1	0
OK	245	242	250	154	170	150	1	0	0
SD	77	98	102	78	88	73	5	4	2
TX	1,604	1,725	1,580	795	884	829	1	1	1
WA	97	99	91	49	62	51	0	0	0
Oth Sts		340	315		175	150		5	5
US		*6,635	6,352		*3,627	3,417		84	43

* Revised.

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